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SUBJECT: UPDATING OF STATUS REPORT ON CONSULTATIVE
MECHANISM -- SOCIAL WORKING GROUP

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT OF UPDATED VERSION OF SOCIAL
WORKING GROUP PORTION OF DRAFT JOINT REPORT ON STATUS OF
CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM (REVISIONS OF ECONOMIC WORKING
GROUP PORTION, IF ANY, WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEPTTEL). YOU
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FOR UPDATING.

2. BEGIN DRAFT TEXT: EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN
HELD REGARDING THE MIGRATION OF UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS. THE
TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE
MEASURES TO STUDY AND ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC CAUSES OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND TO EXCHANGE

INFORMATION ON MAJOR DEMOGRAPHIC AND MIGRATION STUDIES BEING CONDUCTED OR PLANNED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS OR BY PRIVATE U.S. AND MEXICAN RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS. AN INITIAL PROJECT FOR JOINT RESEARCH IS NOW IN PREPARATION.

U.S. AND MEXICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN BORDER AREAS HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR COOPERATION IN COMBATTING THE TRAFFICKING IN UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS AND THE FORGERY OF CIVIL DOCUMENTS. ADDITIONAL EFFORTS TO INCREASE COOPERATION IN THESE AREAS ARE UNDER STUDY.

A. PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN SEVERAL OTHER ASPECTS OF COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT. A NEW EXTRADITION TREATY HAS BEEN CONCLUDED, REPLACING THE TREATY OF 1899. THERE HAVE BEEN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A POSSIBLE JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY. U.S. AND MEXICAN AGENCIES HAVE EXCHANGED INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE LAWS AND PRACTICES FOR COMBATTING MONOPOLISTIC PRACTICES AND THERE WERE RECIPROCAL VISITS BY LEGAL EXPERTS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON ANTI-TRUST ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION. A MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR UPDATING THE 1936 AGREEMENT FOR THE RETURN OF STOLEN AUTOMOBILES AND AIRCRAFT IS UNDER REVIEW.

B. THE TWO SIDES HAVE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE SOCIAL WORKING GROUP A DRUG ABUSE SUBGROUP, TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. THE DRUG ABUSE SUBGROUP WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND POINTS OF VIEW ON NARCOTICS ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

C. COMMENCING WITH THE MEETING OF U.S. AND MEXICAN ENVIRONMENT AND BORDER HEALTH SPECIALISTS DURING THE MEETING OF THE SOCIAL WORKING GROUP IN AUGUST, 1977, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL WORKING SESSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS OF CONCERN. A GENERAL SURVEY OF WATER QUALITY IN THE BORDER AREAS HAS BEEN INITIATED AND MAY LEAD TO A BROAD WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT BASED ON ARTICLE 3 OF THE 1944 WATER TREATY. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE IDENTIFIED EMERGENCY CONTACTS TO BE USED IN THE CASE OF MARINE OIL SPILLS, AND CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR SUCH INCIDENTS ARE BEING DRAFTED. THE TOP ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE HELD ONE INFORMAL MEETING AND ARE PLANNING REGULAR YEARLY MEETINGS ALTERNATING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. AT A MEETING IN REYNOSA IN APRIL, 1978, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND MEXICO'S SECRETARIAT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT MADE FURTHER PROGRESS IN DEALING WITH BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS OF A POSSIBLE FORMAL AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION.

D. COOPERATIVE STUDIES HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED TO IDENTIFY STRAINS OF COFFEE BEANS RESISTANT TO COFFEE RUST IN

MEXICO; UNDER JOINT CONSIDERATION ARE POSSIBLE STEPS FURTHER TO IMPROVE EXISTING COOPERATION IN ERADICATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY. MEXICO HAS SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL, WHICH IS UNDER REVIEW BY THE U.S., FOR UPDATING THE 1928 ANIMAL HEALTH AGREEMENT. END TEXT OF DRAFT REPORT.

3. EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT COMMENTS IN DRAFT ON MEMORANDUM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF UNDERSTANDING ON ENVIRONMENT AND EXTRADITION TREATY HAVE BEEN PREPARED WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT CURRENT EFFORTS BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL BEAR FRUIT BEFORE SECRETARY'S VISIT. DRAFT LANGUAGE ON THESE POINTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED AGAIN WITH MEXICANS SHORTLY BEFORE FINAL RELEASE.
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